

Notice to Mariners No 4 / 2016

Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project



8th April 2016

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Important Notice to Mariners

Pre-construction marine ecology surveys will be undertaken at the site of the Blyth Offshore Demonstration project between 12th April and 15th April 2016.

The survey work will be carried out by Natural Power Consultants aboard the Newcastle University research vessel the RV Princess Royal. The survey work will entail otter trawling, static netting, and lobster pot surveys across the site and surrounding area. In total survey work will take 6 days at sea.

The area of the survey work will be bounded by the following coordinates:

Area of Survey Operations

Coordinate point Coordinate (WGS84) Degrees, Decimal Minutes

1	55° 04.316'N 1° 26.960'W
2	55° 15.111'N 1° 33.280'W
3	55° 15.111'N 1° 13.463'W
4	55° 04.316'N 1° 13.463'W

Survey Details

Five fleets of gill nets will be deployed across the survey area. Each fleet will measure 600m in length and be constructed of monofilament mesh. The foot rope of each fleet will be adequately weighted and the head rope will have enough positive floatation to allow the net to fish vertically in the water. At either end of the net a dhan will be secured to allow the net to be clearly visible.

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Further updates will be provided as required.

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